

March 24, 2004

Dear Community Residential Provider,

The Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities is currently working on several initiatives that could have an impact on your agency. Both of these issues will require the Division to seek development of additional community residential provider capacity. A separate issue that will also require the need for additional capacity is the Division's anticipation of new "Medicaid Caseload Growth Funds" of approximately \$4.1 million of General Revenue funds in Fiscal Year 2005 to address the needs of consumers currently on a waiting list.

Last week during the Mental Health Commission, the Division's Habilitation Center Five Year Plan was presented. The Commission unanimously approved the plan. You can obtain a copy of the plan by contacting your Regional Center or by accessing the plan on the internet at; <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/mrdd/transition/fiveyear.pdf>.

The five year plan includes short range and long range objectives. The short range objective includes a timeframe of two and a half years to identify 225 consumers currently living in the habilitation center that could benefit from living in the community. The development of additional community residential provider capacity to serve consumers in appropriate settings is critical to the success of the Division's plan. The Division has developed a rate setting process that we believe will provide sufficient reimbursement rates to help provide appropriate support services and ensure a smooth transition for consumers selecting to live in the community.

A copy of the rate setting process for consumers moving out of the habilitation center is attached for your review. The document is titled "Transition Reimbursement Rate". This document was developed by the Division with the assistance of the Provider Management Advisory Team or the Provider MAT. The Provider MAT consists of contract providers, Senate Bill 40 Board Directors and Division of MRDD staff. We believe this process will help promote additional residential service options for consumers that are interested in pursuing community services.

We realize community residential providers may have several questions about the Five Year Plan and the Transition Reimbursement Rate. The Division has established the following dates to meet with contract providers and address their questions. The meeting dates and locations are listed below;

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
March 31, 2004	5:30 pm -7:30 pm	St. Louis Regional Center 211 Lindbergh St. Louis, MO (314) 340-6500
April 15, 2004	1:00 pm -3:00 pm	Central Missouri Regional Center 1500 Vandiver Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, MO (573) 882-9835
April 19, 2004	1:30 pm -3:30 pm	Sikeston Regional Center 112 Plaza Drive Sikeston, MO (573) 882-9835
April 20, 2004	1:00 pm -3:00 pm	Springfield Regional Center 1515 East Pythian Springfield, MO (417) 895-7400
April 21, 2004	5:30 pm -7:30 pm	Kansas City Regional Center 821 East Admiral Blvd. Kansas City, MO (816) 889-3400
April 22, 2004	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Hannibal Regional Center 805 Clinic Road Hannibal, MO (573) 248-2400

We hope you can attend one of these meetings and obtain more information about the items contained in this letter. If you are unable to attend and have questions please contact your Regional Center Director or you can email your question to my office at [anne.deaton@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:anne.deaton@dmh.mo.gov). We will provide you a response and post your question with the response on the DMH web site.

The Division's Five Year Plan cannot be successful without your willingness to participate. I appreciate everything you do to help us make improvements to our service delivery system which ultimately improves the lives of the individuals we are here to serve.

Attachment

Sincerely,

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Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

cc: Alan Baumgartner, Chair, Mental Health Commission  
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